Conversion of Roads into four-lane Highways

†556. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert Delhi-Haridwar-Dehradun; Delhi-Kotdwar; Delhi-Kathgodam Highways into 4 lane highways under Prime Minister sponsored National Highway Project from the tourism point of view;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any concrete proposal in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Registration of vehicles

557. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring uniform registration of vehicles and driving licenses by issuing smart cards for the same;

(b) if so, by when Government propose to introduce the same;

(c) whether State Governments are ready to undertake the above exercise;

(d) what are the benefit of smart card for registgration of vehicles; and

(e) the States that have already started this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No date has been fixed.

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(c) The States have been advised to be ready to introduce Smart Cards in road transport sector.

(d) Introduction of Smart Card-based registration certificates and driving license in road transport sector will enhance efficiency at RTO level and ensure that the documents are readable throughout the country. This would help in eliminating delay/harassment to citizens in inter-state movement and also in minimising the chances of use of fake/fraudulent documents.

(e) Several States have reportedly initiated preparatory steps, but none has yet fully introduced the scheme.

Completion of National Expressway

†558. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total proposed length of National Expressway;

(b) the number of phases in which it has been divided for completion;

(c) the amount estimated to be spent, phase-wise and under which Head the same would be drawn;

(d) the phase under which Expressway from Ahmedabad to Mumbai has been put and by when work would begin;

(e) the estimated length alongwith the amount estimated to be spent on it; and

(f) the cities with Headquarters to be connected by this Expressway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Tenth Five Year Plan provides for initiating action for development of around 1000 Km length of Expressways.

(b) to (f) The details have not yet been worked out.

Increasing road accidents

†559. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any increase in the road accidents on the National Highways;

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